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*The Mormon Battalion Monument at Presidio Park, San Diego, California
Is Unveiled by Col. Fred Reese and Sculptor Edward Fraughton*

The President's Message

By Eugene P. Watkins



SUP In 1970: The Move Is Forward!

THE CURTAIN has been drawn on 1969. As we step across the threshold of the New Year it is with pride that we look back over the road we have traveled and then forward with high hopes for the year that lies ahead.

Successfully completed in 1969 was the drive to raise funds for the construction and dedication of the Mormon Battalion Monument on Presidio Hill in San Diego. We were honored to have Pres. Hugh B. Brown and Elder Mark E. Petersen participate with us in this impressive ceremony.

We take pride as we review the past year to reflect the activities of the chapters of our society and to note the enthusiastic and loyal manner in which the members of SUP continue to uphold and sustain the heroic and noble ideals of our pioneer ancestors. The participation of our society in commemorating the centennial of the driving of The Golden Spike was another outstanding achievement.

Our 1969 National Encampment with the Ogden Chapter as host, was one of the best we have had. Our thanks to the Ogden Chapter and to the Jefferson Hunt Chapter for making this traditional gathering so outstanding. Another pleasing development was the organization of the new Mt. Ogden Chapter which promises to be an outstanding unit in our strong chain of SUP.

Now, as we move into the new year the para-

mount question before us is: What of 1970? Where do we go from here? There are many objectives our society should strive to accomplish. We invite our members to join with the officers in carrying out these objectives:

- By invitation and solicitation, increase the number of members in the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.
- Assist our New Chapters Committee in organizing new chapters.
- Persuade present members to qualify for and become Life Members. It is a distinct honor to hold such a place on the roster of SUP.
- To make our National Encampment this coming summer at Kanab, Utah, one of the most successful ever.
- To advertise Utah and the Sons of Utah Pioneers by telling friends and neighbors from everywhere, about "Wonderful Utah"—the picturesque and fascinating things we have here and of our Pioneer Memorial Village and the large number of visitors who come there each summer.
- To see that every member is better apprised of the purposes, objectives, and privileges offered by this great organization.

The road for the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers leads forward and upward. With joy may we wend our way. Let us make 1970 another banner year!

The Difference

ONE of England's leading actors was guest of honor at a sumptuous banquet in London, not long ago. In the after-dinner ceremonies the actor was asked to recite for the pleasure of his guests. He consented and asked if there was anything special anyone in the audience would like to hear.

There was a moment's pause and then an old clergyman spoke up: "Could you, sir," he said, "recite the Twenty-third Psalm?"

A strange look came over the actor's face, but he was speechless for only a moment. "I can, sir—and I will, on one condition, and that is that after I have recited, you will do the same."

"I?" replied the surprised clergyman, "but I am not

an elocutionist. However, if you wish, I will do so."

Impressively the great actor began the psalm, holding his audience spellbound. As he finished a great burst of applause broke from the guests.

After the applause had subsided, the clergyman arose. The audience sat in intense silence. The Psalm was recited and when it was done, there was not the slightest ripple of applause, but those in the audience whose eyes were yet dry, sat with head bowed.

The actor, with hand on the shoulder of the old clergyman, his voice trembling, exclaimed, "I reached your eyes and your ears, my friends, but this good man reached your hearts. I know the Twenty-third Psalm; this man knows the Shepherd."

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We Do Well To Honor Them

WHEN Brigham Young, the great Mormon colonizer, called his loyal followers to the colors of the Kingdom, and sent them to settle the valleys, near and remote in these vast mountains of refuge, they yoked their oxen and hitched up their teams, this time willingly, unwhipped by the threat of mob cruelty and outrage. In various directions they wended their slow way to new valleys, again trusting with explicit faith in the wisdom and divine guidance of their modern Moses.

These tens of thousands who so moved and so built were the warp and woof of Pres. Young's great new commonwealth. Without them Brother Brigham could not possibly accomplish his mission. These were the instruments — the shovelers, the plowers, the sowers and reapers, the machinists, the architects, the masons, the carpenters, the organ builders, the artisans, the mathematicians, the men of letters, gathered from the four corners of the earth, furnished by the Lord through whom he might work out his mighty purposes.

Upright men and women they were, fearless and unmindful of what men thought and said of them as long as they were in the line of duty. Calumny, slander, derision, scorn, left them unmoved — if they were treading the straight and narrow way. Unswayed they were by the praise of men. Endowed by the spirit of discernment, they knew when kind words were mere courtesy, and when they betokened honest interest. They moved neither to the right nor left from the path of truth, to court the good favor of men.

So for upward of a century, urged by the spirit of gathering, and led by a burning testimony of the restored gospel, thousands upon thousands of these humble souls, one from a city and two from a family, had bade farewell to friends and homes and loved ones and with sundered heart strings, companioned with privation and with sacrifice, made their way to the "Promised Valley" to join those who were privileged to come earlier, that all might build up the Kingdom of God on earth — welded together by common hardship and suffering, never-ending work, deep privation, tragic woes, heart-rendering griefs, firm testimony and living spiritual knowledge.

In living our lives as beneficiaries of these sacrifices let us never forget that the deeds of our fathers and mothers are theirs, not ours; that their accomplishments cannot be counted to our glory and that we claim no excellence and no place because of what they did. We, their sons, must stand on our own feet, rise by our own labor — and that failing, we fall short of being worthy Sons of the Mormon pioneers.

Place Of The Negro In The Church

DURING recent months, across the nation, considerable interest has been expressed in the position of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the matter of civil rights. In repeated statements the Church has declared emphatically that there is in the Church no doctrine, belief, or practice that is intended to deny the enjoyment of full civil rights by any person regardless of race, color or creed.

No church or other organization is more insistent than the Mormon Church that the Negroes should receive all the rights and privileges that can possibly be given to any other in the true sense of equality as declared in the *Declaration of Independence*.

They should be equally entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." They should not be barred from obtaining knowledge and becoming proficient in any field of science, art, athletics, or mechanical occupation. They should be free to choose any kind of employment, to go into business in any field they may choose and to make their lives as happy as possible without interference from any source. In their defense of these privileges, the members of the Mormon Church will stand.

In the matter of religion they also may choose any faith they please. The Mormon Church does not bar them from membership, and *there are members of the Negro race in the Church*. If a Negro is baptized and remains true and loyal, Mormons believe that he will enter the Celestial Kingdom, which in Mormon doctrine is the highest obtainable level of life in the hereafter. The Church operates subject to doctrines which constitute divine revelation. These doctrines, as now understood, require a withholding of the priesthood, which is one of the incidents of Church membership, from persons who, according to Church doctrine, are descendants of Cain. *This is not Church policy; it is doctrine* and can be changed only through a revelation from the Lord to his prophet on the earth, Mormons believe.

The worthy Mormon Negro is entitled to function as a teacher, administrator, and active member of the Church. There is much that an active Negro can do.

He is able to be baptized, confirmed, partake of the Sacrament, pray for the congregation, deliver sermons, receive a Patriarchial blessing, enter the temple to be baptized for the dead, serve as a missionary, attend meetings in a non-segregated chapel and sustain the officers of the Church by the raising of the right hand.

Surely, the Mormon Church can do more for the Negro than any other church on the face of the earth.

—Les Goates



Pres. Hugh B. Brown of the First Presidency, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is shown delivering the dedicatory address at the dedication of the Mormon Battalion Monument at San Diego.

At right is shown Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve, chairman of the Church Information Committee and advisor to the SUP for the project, who offered the invocation.

SAN DIEGO MORMON BATTALION MONUMENT DEDICATION

Impressive And Colorful Event Climaxes SUP Project

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

Commanding Officer Mormon Battalion

A successful and rewarding climax to a worthy project occurred Nov. 22nd in San Diego, Calif., when the heroic-size Mormon Battalion Monument was dedicated and presented to the City by Eugene P. Watkins, national president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

A feeling of sincerity and respect seemed to pervade the crowd of 1,000 who gathered on that beautiful sun-bathed hill in Presidio Park to listen to a eulogy of the accomplishments of the Mormon Battalion and then the impressive dedication by President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

It is noteworthy that President Brown who served as a major in World War I is the grandson of James Stephen Brown who served honorably in the battalion during

the campaign of 1846-47. During World War II Pres. Brown was assigned as coordinator of LDS men in military service.

General Chairman Ray Knell conducted the effective program and observed that many factors and persons contributed to the memorable occasion:

Samuel T. Loftin, deputy mayor of San Diego, in his acceptance speech spoke highly of the Mormon people as being good citizens and respectable in conduct wherever he has met them in his world-wide travels. He reported his appreciation for those who lived in his city. He also commented that this was the largest gathering of people that he had seen at a similar function.

High Brass Responds

Greetings and good wishes were received from Pres. Richard M. Nixon, Gov. Ronald Reagan, George Romney, Senators Moss and Bennett, and others.

More dignity was added to the

program with an invocation by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Landmarks Committee and by remarks by Milton L. Weilenmann who represented Gov. Calvin L. Rampton.

San Diego officials in addition to Mr. Loftin included Miss Pauline DeGrange, Richard M. Bowen, Charles Cordell, Mike Schaefer, and Allen Hatch. California State Senator Jack Schrade was also an official guest at the ceremonies, as was John Ackerman of the San Diego Council Boy Scouts of America.

Sculptor Edward J. Fraughton was assisted in unveiling the monument of Col. Fred M. Reese and Paul G. Loeke. In addition to news coverage by San Diego TV and newspapers, Editor Jay Heslop of the Deseret News Church News was present and gave generous accounts by word and picture.

Uniformed officers included: (see DEDICATION, next page)

Dedication Of M. B. Statue Colorful Event

(Continued from preceding page)

Col. Salvo Rizzo, C.O. of Ft. MacArthur, representing the commanding general of the U.S. Army, Pentagon; Col. A. J. Castagna representing the commanding general of the U.S. Marine Recruit Depot; Col. Allen C. Bowen for Maj. Gen. Robertson, commanding general of Camp Pendleton; and Captain Robert Weaver for Rear Admiral Dornan, Commandant of the 11th Naval District.

Lt. W. H. Cox added color and pomp to the occasion with his well-disciplined Marine Band! Lt. Cox returned from duty in Vietnam about six months ago.

A special color guard from Ft. MacArthur under the direction of Sgt. Jeff Martens performed the flag ceremony and J. Rulon Morgan, past president of SUP led the pledge of allegiance.

Birth Of An Idea

The Monument idea as a gift to San Diego on its 200th birthday was conceived while Francis Christensen, Brigham City was national SUP president. The project grew and matured during the tenure of Pres. Ray Knell, Cedar City, with the presentation taking place during the Presidency of Eugene P. Watkins. Ray was retained to see the project completed while Gene served as chairman of the fund-raising committee.

At the outset SUP called upon Richard M. Bowen and Paul G. Loeke to serve as advisers and coordinators for the Monument Committee. Without their untiring efforts the task would have been overwhelming.

May we salute: Keith Meyers, president of the host stake for the wonderful entertainment and banquet the preceding Friday evening. The musical numbers and dramatic reading was stictly professional. The food by the Relief Society was excellent, and the hospitality was superior.

Then in a friendly atmosphere it was our privilege to hear from two great leaders whose presence made the journey worth while: Pres. Hugh B. Brown and Elder Mark E. Petersen.

Other delightful people were also heard including Miss Pauline



Members of the audience look over the Mormon Battalion Monument on Presidio Hill, following the dedication ceremonies. Extreme left in uniform is Col. Marvin E. Smith, battalion commander.

DeGrange, director of San Diego Parks and Recreation; Milton L. Weilenmann, Keith Meyers to name a few.

More Banquets

Paul G. Loeke made several surprise plaque awards on behalf of the San Diego region of Explorer Scouts who have a project of their own to mark the "MB Trail" in their area.

The Housing Committee that arranged to have the visitors from Utah taken into the homes of the San Diego Saints for lodging. The Utah guests are still talking about that gracious southern hospitality.

Edward J. Fraughton, sculptor, received much favorable comment for his artistry. One citizen felt that only the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., could equal the portrayal of character, atmosphere, and penetrating eyes as are seen in the MB soldier of Mr. Fraughton.

THINGS WE APPRECIATE: Seeing Horace A. Sorensen, Alfred B. Smith, and ten members

of the national SUP board at the dedication services. These are busy men who find time to support worthy projects.

Pres. Kate B. Carter and the DUP for having their mural of the refurbished and looking its best at Presidio Park.

The behind-the-scene efforts of Gene Sain of Lewis Bros. and Dick Lambert of Beehive Tours in arranging favorable transportation by bus and plane.

The friendly and cheerful service of Wm. Hurd, Tremonton, as bus captain for the charter tour.

The unsung consistent efforts of Richard Marshall in taking care of the many details of the monument project.

Mack Woolley for his support and extra effort in making it successful.

The persistent efforts of Fred M. Reese to coordinate the marking of the battalion trail. Since San Diego he has made another trip to Douglas, Arizona, and Mexico in this regard.

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Our Readers Write

Save Pioneer Landmarks

It was heartening to read of the VIP appointments to a new Historical and Cultural Committee and to hear of the formation of an Historical Arts Committee by the Church. It was a much-needed step toward further preservation of our pioneer landmarks, much neglected and ignored in the past.

Committees, surveys and "inclusion in the National Register" are pea shooters in a battle with a public that views black-top as an architectural achievement. Any pioneer landmark that civic neglect has allowed to deteriorate is a blight to its aesthetic sensibility rather than a challenge to its responsibility. Public pressure to destroy is angry. So while the committees deliberate, the last of the landmarks will shatter from the wrecking ball. Then no more "show and tell" to stir our pioneer pride and captivate the curious tourist.

Our historic treasure trove has long been looted of many of the state's crown jewels: the Amelia

Palace, Social Hall, Salt Lake Theater, Ephraim Tabernacle, Heber Court House and jail, etc. Some are now secure: the Lion and Beehive Houses, Brigham Young's winter home, Cove Fort, the Canute Peterson Home, Chase Mill, etc. But compared to the preservation efforts of other states we are in a state of pioneer poverty.

Between the monuments destroyed and those saved are those threatened. These must be the concern of the new committees. Some of the remaining pioneer links are tarnished, some decaying and some vandalized. If Ephraim had waited for surveys and committees to act, the last of her two pioneer landmarks would have to be crushed in the bulldozer's maw six months ago.

Pioneer descendants who look upon the remnants of their heritage as "eyesores" have better sight than vision.

—Richard Nibley, Ephraim

'Lest We Forget!'

The question might be asked, why do some men go about the cities of this good land, destroying property of other men who have done no harm to the offenders in any way? No degree of intelligence is required to engage in an orgy of destruction, to tear down; but it does require brains and good judgment to build homes, stores and public buildings, and to make for peace, law and order and happy living.

In the words of a song, "I love every inch of her native land, every stone on her mountain side; I love every drop of waters clear that flows in her rivers wide. I love every tree, every blade of grass within Columbia's gates. The queen of the earth is the land of my birth, my own United States." This is how we should feel about this good land of America. Where in all the world could one go to find more freedom to do with his life what he wishes, and to be re-

warded for the worthwhile things that he does?

We should take to heart the message of President Lincoln in Civil War days, when he said, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no nation has ever brown, but we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, that multiplied, enriched and strengthened us; and have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings have been produced by some superior wisdom and power of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the need of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us."

—S. Roy Chipman

FIRST SUP CHAPTER

G. A. Smith Camp Elects, Hears Thayne Lecture

*By Lyle O. Mann and
Richard G. Thayne*

George Albert Smith Camp, Sons of Utah Pioneers held their annual members and partners luncheon, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Eldred Center in Provo.



This camp, the first chapter organized in the state of Utah, enjoyed an evening of feasting and entertainment.

Importance was stressed on Americanism, and also the importance of supporting this camp by attending all the meetings throughout the coming year. Each member was urged to recruit a member during 1970.

After the luncheon Pres. John W. Taylor gave a few remarks and introduced the speaker of the evening, Richard G. Thayne, Provo photographer and member of the George Albert Smith Camp. Mr. Thayne dedicated the evening to Americanism and gave a presentation entitled, "It's America," a program of music and a slide lecture, with narration and photography by Mr. Thayne.

Provo vocalist, Reynold Heiner sang three favorite numbers "American Prayer," "This Is Worth Fighting For," and "Smiling Through." Venus Tobler accompanied Mr. Heiner on the piano.

Special highlights of the evening also included actual color slides of the Apollo 11 moonlanding, and large photographs were on display throughout the building taken by Richard Thayne.



Officers of the George Albert Smith Chapter taken at the members' and spouses' luncheon Nov. 12, 1969. Front row, left to right: David S. Nelson, 1st vice president; John W. Taylor, president and Floyd K. Giles, 2nd vice president. Back row, left to right: Leo Freshwater, secretary; Verl G. Dixon, immediate past president; J. Rulon Morgan, historian and director; Grant S. Thomas, treasurer, and Elmer De St. Jeor, past president.



Broken hearted? No, you're not

You've too many blessings still

That you know cannot be bought.

See the good, forget the ill—

Joy will come to you unsought,

And abide with you until

Earth becomes a beauty spot!

—Religious Telescope.



Officers of the new Mt. Ogden SUP Chapter: Presiding over the newest group in the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers are these officers: Left to right—E. Ferrin Larkin, secretary; Milton W. Priest, 1st vice president; Carl W. Stromberg, 2nd vice president; Thomas J. Taylor, president.

NEW SUP UNIT CHARTERED

Mt. Ogden Chapter Becomes No. 30 Thomas J. Taylor Is First President

Eleven sons of Utah Pioneers residing in the Ogden area, were chartered as the Mt. Ogden Chapter, in inaugural ceremonies October 10, to become the 30th chapter of the national society. The new group approved a constitution and by-laws on November 28 and installed additional members.

This is the second SUP chapter in the Ogden area, the senior group being the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club which hosted the new group at the Mansion House on October 16.

The following officers were in-

stalled: Thomas J. Taylor, president; Milton W. Priest, 1st vice president; C. William Stromberg, 2nd vice president; E. Ferrin Larkin, secretary; G. Val Lofgren, treasurer.

Officers of the Ogden Pioneer Luncheon Club present at the initiatory session included Pres. Jack Shaw and Vice Presidents Ferrell C. Carter and Wayne S. Butler. Members of the National Board on hand were T. Mack Woolley, executive secretary and E. Morton Hill, regional representative for the South Salt Lake region.

Projects Keep Up Interest Of Sierra Members

Something to do besides to "meet and eat" seems to be the secret of the success of the new Sierra Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers at Sacramento, Calif. In its membership drive, applicants are being asked to choose an activity and research the subject chosen, under the direction of the chapter's project committee.

Some of the subjects chosen by the members are:

Mormon Boys Home at Sutters Fort.

Restoration of old Sacramento.
Mormon History from local sources.

History of the Sacramento Saints.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers Museum.

Mormon Battalion Contributions to California.

Sam Brannon and Associates.
California Railroad History and Impact.

The Utah Pioneer Library, etc.

The Sierra Chapter was chartered August 19, 1967 with 31 local members. Current officers are: Grant Ursenbach, president; Ben E. Lofgren, vice-president; and Duane Ford, secretary. Dinner meetings are held monthly and wives are invited to attend.

Much has been accomplished during the past two years, and exciting, ambitious activities are planned for years ahead. The chapter has set its goal at 200 eligible Sons of Utah Pioneers enrolled during 1970.

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Francis Christensens Feted at Golden Wedding

Open House Honors Former SUP President and 'Bride' Of 50 Years --

Hundreds of friends, neighbors and relatives gathered to honor Francis L. and Elvera J. Christensen, Nov. 28 at the L.D.S. Indian Chapel in Brigham City, Utah, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary. The couple recited wedding vows in the Salt Lake Temple on Nov. 26, 1919 and have lived in Bingham City ever since.

Through the years they have been active in the various priesthood and auxiliary organizations of the L.D.S. Church. Currently Mrs. Christensen is a ward record examiner for genealogy, Relief Society visiting teacher, and reporter for the Oak Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

He is a Sunday school class

leader, president of the Box Elder Tabernacle Visitors Center and former national president of the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and former president of the Boxelder Chapter. He has served a number of years on the board of the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

They are the parents of six children: Kent (Tug) Lamar, who was a World War II casualty in 1944; Willard Hart, Brigham City; Mrs. Robert C. (Joan) Watson, Barrington, Ill.; Evan J. Ogden; Ellis Lynn, Brigham City; Jared Peter, Canton, N.C.

The couple expressed their gratitude for the privilege of living in this land and for the many blessings they have and enjoy.

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California Group Election

Knell Addresses SUP Chapter At Los Angeles

Immediate Past President Ray Knell was the featured speaker at the annual election-dinner of the Southern California Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Nov. 6, 1969 at the Westwood Ward Chapel. Eight new officers were installed for the 1969-1970 season.

In the absence of Pres. Pratt who is convalescing from a heart attack, the meeting was conducted by Lee Beckstead, vice president. The dinner was prepared and served by the Westwood Ward. Mrs. Knell was a special guest.

The program was in charge of Dr. Louis Smithson, former past president who introduced the popular Philippine singer Buddy Reys who sang several solos. He was then joined by Dr. Smithson and his daughter in some trios to complete an outstanding musical program.

Former President Knell stressed SUP ideals, accomplishments of the year, and membership campaigns. He urged a division of large, widely-scattered chapters for more efficient administrative service and the acquisition of younger members. He expressed appreciation for the splendid work of the chapter in supporting the construction and erection of the Mormon Battalion Monument at San Diego.

The concluding item of the business was the election of the following officers for 1969-1970:

Pres. William J. Fox; 1st vice president, Gleason Dearson; 2nd vice president, Richard Smith; 3rd vice president, Wallace Ellison; treasurer, Heber Harrison; secretary, Edward B. Perkins; judge advocate, Robert Hatch; chaplain, J. P. Goddard. Advisors are former SUP presidents and stake presidents.

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Chapter Eternal

Graham H. Doxey

Graham H. Doxey, 69, former president of the Salt Lake City chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneer and SUP Life Member No. 72, died November 20 in a Salt Lake City hospital. He was manager of Zions Securities Corporation, which operates the real estate holdings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mr. Doxey had been active in real estate affairs for 45 years. He was founder of the Doxey-Layton Realty Co. and director of the Murdock Travel Agency, Inc. also the Heber J. Grant & Co.

He served on the board of directors of the Beehive State Bank, now the Commercial Security Bank. He was former president of the Milton Bennion Foundation.

In church service he was bishop of the Third Ward in Salt Lake City from 1924 until 1929

and served on a mission to New Zealand, 1919-1922. He served as president of the East Central States Mission.

He was born Jan. 5, 1900, in Salt Lake City, son of Tom Graham and Pearl Hayes Doxey. On Sept. 26, 1923, he married Leone Watson in the Salt Lake L.D.S. Temple. She is first counsellor in the general presidency of the L.D.S. Primary Assn.

Mr. Doxey is survived by his widow; three sons and a daughter, Graham W., David W., Roger W., Salt Lake City; and Mrs. C. Steven (Margery Jane) Hatch, Provo.

Survivors include 29 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Nov. 20 in the Monument Park Stake Center and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Edward Lowe Ross

Edward Lowe Ross, 61, member of the Temple Quarry Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, and well-known railroad worker, died Dec. 4 in a Salt Lake City hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Ross worked 26 years as a clerk with the Union Pacific Railroad Company. He was a member of the Promontory Chapter of the Railroad Historical Society and the Old Timers Club No. 10. Active in church work, he was assistant High Priests group leader and a genealogist. He attended Snow College for two years.

He was born April 1, 1908 in Austin, Seviere County, Utah, a

son of Joseph and Clara Lowe Ross. He married Grace Harden April 26, 1937, the marriage being solemnized later in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors include: widow; daughters, Marianne, Taylorsville; Nancy Loveless, Kearns; six grandchildren; one brother, Nile, Salt Lake City; sisters, Mrs. William (Helen) Barnett, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Albert R. (Ila) Jensen, Brea, Calif.

The funeral service was held Dec. 6 at 4330 South Redwood Road and burial was in the Valley View Memorial Park.

Burton Muir Oliver

Memorial services for Burton Muir Oliver, prominent southland educator, were held Tuesday, November 4, 1969 in the La Cienega Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2645 La Cienega Ave., Los Angeles.

Mr. Oliver, who was born February 18, 1901 in Union, near Salt Lake City, Utah, earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Utah and shortly thereafter entered the teaching profession in the Business Department of Venice High School in Los Angeles.

In 1939 he became Thrift Chairman, which led to his appointment in 1947 as head supervisor of the Thrift, Conservation and School Savings Section of the Los Angeles City Elementary and High School Districts, in which position he served until his retirement in 1965. Under Mr. Oliver's direction, Thrift and Conservation were firmly established as important activities in the Los Angeles City schools.

Mr. Oliver's Church activities were many, including Stake Sunday School superintendency and Stake High Council, and he was for many years Treasurer, then President of the California Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers.

He was also an active member of the Audubon Society, and treasurer for 20 years, then president of Gamma Rho Tau, professional business education fraternity.

Mr. Oliver leaves his widow, Ellen Smith Oliver and daughter, Patricia Ann Howard, both of Los Angeles, son, Richard Burton Oliver of Palo Alto, six grandchildren, four brothers and one sister.

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The 1947 Centennial Trekkers Reunion

Pseudo-Pioneers Plan Gala Gathering In July



Elder and Mrs. Spencer W. Kimball stand on historic Independence Rock and gaze at the encampment of the "pseudo-pioneers of 1947" on the memorable centennial trek. Independence Rock is

located near the spot where hundreds of wagons made their nightly circles during the great Mormon exodus.

By Ray L. Alston

The next reunion of the Sons of Utah Pioneers Centennial Trekkers will be held July 22, 1970. This announcement is made by Parley P. Giles, chairman of the committee elected for the next reunion.

The committee felt that the usual October gathering of the Trekkers should be postponed until next summer when we should gather on the anniversary date of the Trekkers arrival in Salt Lake City and meet outdoors as we did on the Trek. The place of meeting will be Salt Lake City and it is anticipated that beautiful Sugar House Park will be the setting where the facilities for eating and fun are good.

It will be remembered that the Centennial Trek was a special project of the Sons of Utah Pioneers National Organization, as a part in the Utah Centennial Celebration and commemoration of the arrival July 24, 1847, of the original group led by President Brigham Young into the Salt Lake Valley, consisting of 143 men and 3 women and 2 boys

with 70 vehicles.

It simulated the original company in the same number of people, with automobiles converted to covered wagons drawn by ox teams, with sleeping and eating out in the open, within the circled vehicles at night. Elder and Sister Spencer W. Kimball were included with the Trekkers as special guests and participants along the way and as representatives of the Church General Authorities, making a total of 150 making the trek from Nauvoo, Ill., to the Salt Lake Valley.

All was in readiness and after the morning preparations including prayer and order to move out was given Tuesday, July 15. The arrival July 22, in Sugar House, where a commemorative badge was given to each trekker, and at the Brigham Young monument in Salt Lake City, was in time to participate in other features of the Centennial Commemoration including the unveiling of "This Is The Place" monument.

This trek was led by National President Wendell J. Ashton and

the Executive Board for the Trek as pictured.

Only 100 Left

The records show that one third of the "Trekkers" have passed away as of now. Special honor will be given these members at the reunion. The remaining 100 names of the Trekkers are here listed. It is hoped that each one with their partners will see this and plan to attend the reunion. Notice later with details will be sent to each one:

Elder Spencer W. Kimball and Sister Camilla Eyring Kimball, LaVere Adams, Donald B. Alder, Ray L. Alston, Aldon Anderson, Desmond L. Anderson, Wendell J. Ashton, James E. Bacon, Leo Bankhead, Horace P. Beesley, George R. Biesinger, L. Burt Bigler, Vernon A. Black, John W. Boud.

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1947 TREK

SUP Members Who Went On Memorable Trip

(Continued from preceding page)
Everton, Vern Farr, S. Ross Fox,
William J. Fox.

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The SUP Executive Board of 1947 held many planning sessions in preparation for the Centennial Trek. Members who engineered the memorable trip: Standing—John W. Boud, judge advocate; Ray L. Alston, finance committee; Fred E. H. Curtis, chaplain; Richard H. Wootton, treasurer; Parley P. Giles, historian; Harold H. Jenson, immediate past president. Seated: Willard R. Smith, 2nd vice president; Wendell J. Ashton, president; William E. Nelson, 1st vice president; D. James Cannon, secretary.

The Nauvoo Temple

Five Years To Build . . . And Soon Abandoned

The most significant structure that has ever risen above the Nauvoo landscape was the majestic Temple built between 1841 and 1846 by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This Temple was the largest structure west of Cincinnati and north of St. Louis. Its cost cannot be determined as it was constructed by a struggling people, who contributed commodities and labor, and sacrificed their jewelry, china, and heirlooms to purchase the needed materials. The purpose of the Temple was to provide a place for members of the Church to participate in sacred ordinances such as marriages and baptisms.

Construction required five years, and although many of the Mormons were forced to leave Nauvoo in the early part of 1846, the Temple was completed and dedicated in May of that year. The Nauvoo Temple overlooked the entire countryside on either bank of the Mississippi River from its location on the highest hill of the city. It was indeed

the crown of this unique metropolis.

But the crown was to topple. After the exodus from the city, the building was partially destroyed by fire, and later by a tornado. Some of its stones were used to build other structures.

The unique architecture of the Temple is exemplified by a "sunstone" which is on display in the Nauvoo State Park (there is also one on the grounds of the Historical Society at Quincy, Illinois), and the "moonstones" near the graves of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, and on the grounds of the Nauvoo Hotel.

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THE BOOK RACK**Israel Barlow
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The Israel Barlow Story and Mormon Mores, by Ora Haven Barlow. Publisher, the author, Salt Lake City. \$10.00.

This biography of a great Mormon leader, missionary and frontiersman is the result of the masterful efforts of a closely-knit family organization and, more particularly, the inspired dedication of the author and compiler, Ora Haven Barlow.

Israel Barlow, a native of Massachusetts, heard the message of the restored Gospel at 26, two years after the formal ushering in of this dispensation and the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He quickly became a staunch adherent and was an active participant of the migrations and peregrination of Mormon frontier movement.

He was a member of the original organization of the First Quorum of Seventy and was an effective church and community leader throughout his life. Mormonism was an integral of his life and has been for the majority of his over 9000 descendants whose name are systematically enumerated in the final 125 pages of the book. In addition to being a historical portrayal of Mormon mores, it is a genealogical masterpiece.

The format of the volume is most attractive, print and paper being conducive to eye hygiene. It is well documented and contains many quotes and prized letters as well as interspersions of original poetry by the author. The end papers depict the 20 journeys of Israel Barlow in various parts of the United States and to Liverpool, and also the many Barlow and Barlow-related home locations in Bountiful, Utah. This is a volume that can be read and re-read with new interest by historian, genealogist and layman.

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Story of The American Railroads by Olive Burt. How the railroads helped to build a nation. John Day Company, publishers.

No Utah writer has contributed more to the vast store of books on western history, particularly on railroads and travel, than has Olive Burt, Salt Lake City historian. Her latest book, probably No. 48 on her long list of successes, is "The Story of the American Railroads."

A most fascinating work it is, going back to Sir Isaac Newton's idea on steam and developing in remarkable detail and clarity, the history of the railroad business in the western world. Beautifully illustrated, the volume holds interest of both old and young. This reviewer recommends the work as a text book for schools.

Starts With Watt

Mrs. Burt starts her story with 1753 when James Watt, English steam engineer got the steam engine under way, although Oliver Evans in 1786 made the first propulsion engine when he was only 18 years of age. Without funds to promote his idea, Evans had to step aside while John Stevens, Richard Trevithick, Thomas Finch and others played their roles in this important development in the new era of scientific wonders.

An interesting part of the Burt book is the story of the Pullman car, in which George Pullman played the heroic role. The big argument in this development was about how wide the gauge for



railroads should be. The origin of "the cow-catcher" and the "high-ball signal" raised for clear going ahead, are explained most interestingly.

And to Promontory

The reader is taken through the railroad story all the way to Promontory Summit where on May 10, 1969, the railroad wedding of the Atlantic and the Pacific took place. Mrs. Burt feels like many other historians, that the Chinese and the Mormons, who finished both railroads, did not receive the credit they deserve in these memorable achievements.

Almost everybody who played any kind of a part in the American railroad story is mentioned in Mrs. Burt's book as the industry moved ahead from the Harvey Lunch stations to the ultra-modern, swanky dining car and the day coach to the luxurious diner and private sleeping apartment.—H.H.J.

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TEMPLE QUARRY NEWS

Chapter Launches New Season With Two Events

By Lucile Asay

Kicking off a new season of interesting events, the Temple Quarry Chapter of the SUP made a trek to Park City on September 27. Forty-five members, with wives and friends took in the tour of the celebrated Utah resort town.

Leaving at 10:45 from Sandy were cars full of trekkers from Riverton, Herriman, West and South Jordan and Draper. Others joined the group at the first stop in Salt Lake City which was the interesting Gilgal Gardens where members enjoyed a conducted tour by Grant Fetzner.

Trekkers brought a lunch, warm coat, camera and the traditional "treat." Lunch was eaten on the bus en route where many goodies were passed and shared by all. Ken Brady brought bits of cantaloupe, wrapped in plastic and fresh from his own farm. LaGrande Asay brought luscious cherry tomatoes from his farm which went very well with the sandwiches. Many other choice goodies were provided.

Following the lunch, group singing was conducted by Rosemary Fairbourn, wife of Vice-President Clayton Fairbourn.

The trip was under the direction of Trekmaster Arvid Webster and wife Ginny. Name cards



Officers Temple Quarry Chapter: Rear—LaGrande Asay, Arvid Webster. Middle row—Roy Chipman, Elmer Jones, Clayton Fairburn, Walter Ewell, Wayne Berrett. Front—Ken Brady, Kenneth Rasmussen.

for each in the shape of the miners pick and shovel, were made and presented by the Elmer Jones.

The gondola ride and the train trip proved most enjoyable. Members had the opportunity of digging into an ore car for souvenirs of "a piece of ore." Following and hour of "taking in the town," the trekkers enjoyed dinner at the Treasure Mt. Inn followed by an evening of entertainment at the "Mellerdrammer" Theater where the SUP patrons were requested to stand and take a bow.

Next activity of the chapter was an educational program on October 2 at Pioneer Hall in West Jordan where a presentation entitled "Drugs and Narcotics" was conducted by Richard

Crape and Dick Stowe. Following this feature, the chapter enjoyed a demonstration of ballroom and Hawaiian dancing by a Brigham Young University dance team directed by Mrs. Hutchings, Brent Rasmussen and Co.

New officers of the Temple Quarry Chapter are: President P. Rasmussen; Vice President, Clayton Fairbourn; Second Vice President, Walter Ewell; Third Vice President, Samuel Turner; Secretary-Treasurer, John W. Brown; Trek Chairman, Arvid Webster; Chaplain, Roy Chipman; Music Director Reed C. Newbold; Public relations director, LeGrande Asay special arrangements, Glen Greenwood and Elmer Jones; Membership, Stephen Rawlings; Project Chairman, Wayne Berrett; Museum and Historians, Kenneth and Jesse Brady.



Kenneth Rasmussen, new president Temple Quarry Chapter accepts traditional plaque and bell from retiring president LaGrande Asay.



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HOW THEY GOT THE NAME**Colorful and Picturesque Places in Mountain West***By T. Mack Woolley*

Weber River is the second largest affluent of Great Salt Lake. Its headwaters are to the southeast in both the Wasatch and Uinta Mountains.

**Mr. Woolley**

Weber Canyon with its northeast fork, Echo, is the main gateway into Utah, having the lowest altitude through the Wasatch. It early became the route of explorers, trappers, immigrants to the Far West, the Union Pacific Railroad in 1868-69, and modern highways.

In 1825 a detachment of Ashley's Men headed by John H. Weber explored and trapped down the river's narrow valley. Weber was one of four of William Sublette's men who circumnavigated Great Salt Lake in 1826. In the winter of 1828-29, John H. Weber was killed by Indians near the river. Sublette, factor of the Rocky Mountain Fur Co., named this important stream Weber River for his fallen man.

* * *

Weber County, one of Utah's original eight, embraces the drainage of Ogden River, a magnificent section of the Wasatch front, and the plain extending westward to Great Salt Lake through which the lower course of Weber River, after joined by Ogden River, meanders to empty into the lake. The county was named from Weber River.

* * *

San Francisco Mountains, are in Beaver County, and are northwest of Milford. These mountains were named for San Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan order of which Friars

Dominguez and Escalante were members. It is probable the name was applied in reference to the 1776 expedition headed by them which passed this district southward. Frisco, a defunct mining town in these mountains which centered about the Horn Silver Mine, was named with a corrupt form of San Francisco.

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San Juan River: (Rio San Juan) (Rio San Juan Bautista) The latter is the full Spanish name for the river, from the name "Saint John the Baptist River" and is of frequent occurrence in Spanish America. The headwaters of the San Juan River are in the mountains of San Juan of southwestern Colorado and northwestern New Mexico.

The main stream heads near Farmington, New Mexico and courses northwesterly into Utah a few miles north of the Four Corners, thence generally westerly across San Juan County. In its lower courses the river has carved a deep canyon with many entrenched meanders and enters the gorge of the Colorado River in Glen Canyon.

San Juan is a name common to contiguous sections of three states — New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. There are two explanations of the origin of the name San Juan River: 1—In 1598 the Spanish under Don Juan de Onate undertook the conquest and settlement of New Mexico. Onate possessed the Tewa Pueblo Caypa on the east bank of the Rio Grande del Norte north of Santa Fe as headquarters of the provisional Spanish government. He renamed the Indian pueblo San Juan to honor himself by which name it has been known since. 2—According to J. J. Hill it is possible Rio San Juan was so named by the Escalante group in honor of Don Juan Maria de Rivera who in 1765 explored north west from Santa Fe to what is now known as the Gunnison River.

Centenarians Honored At Ages 103 And 100

The Sons of Utah Pioneers oldest member, George E. Miles of St. George celebrated his 103rd birthday, Dec. 9 on the same day another pioneer centenarian, Albert E. Schoenfelt, turned 100. Mr. Schoenfelt was honored with a reception in the Parkview Stake Center in Salt Lake City on Dec. 7.

Mr. Miles recalled that he left England 91 years ago. He remembered the rugged 14-day trip from Salt Lake City by wagon when only about 300 people lived in that settlement. He received his education from the miners at Silver Reef. Naturally, he is the foremost authority on this now-famous ghost town. He has made a recording of his recollections of Silver Reef which is on file in the Church Historians office.

Mrs. Miles died in 1911 and he has six living children, 28 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Incidentally Mr. Miles is Utah's oldest man although five Utah women are older. At his reception the St. George Chapter of SUP presented him with a life membership in the SUP.

Several hundred friends and neighbors turned out to honor Patriarch Schoenfelt on his centennial day. Harold H. Jenson, SUP historian presented Mr. Schoenfelt with a plant. T. S. Schoenfelt, son of the patriarch, helped to organize the Pioneer Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

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Dr. George A. Wilson, Charter Member, Dies At 78

Dr. George A. Wilson, 78, charter member of the National Society, Sons of the Utah Pioneers died at Vacaville, Calif., Nov. 26 of natural causes. Since he helped to organize the SUP, he has been a devoted and enthusiastic member and enthusiastic worker.



Dr. Wilson was the first vice president of the society, serving with Lawrence T. Epperson, the first president and Herbert S. Auerbach, vice president. Working with him as supporter and consultant in SUP matters was his devoted companion Myrtle E. Brown Wilson whom he married June 12, 1917 in the Logan L.D.S. Temple.

He served on a mission to Australia and was former bishop of the East Ely, Nevada Ward in Nevada.

Native of Logan

Dr. Wilson was born Feb. 19, 1891 in Logan, Utah, son of Joseph E. and Lerona A. Monroe Wilson. Mrs. Wilson is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Kershaw Brown of Preston, Ida. They have five children, 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A chiropractor by profession, Dr. Wilson completed his graduate schooling in June, 1918. He practiced in American Falls, Denver, Malad, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

While practicing in Salt Lake City he became interested in research in the field of dynamics of life, of sickness and health restoration. In 1950 he went to Denver where he established a research laboratory. After four years as a

research director. Dr. Wilson went on the lecture platform presenting his research findings to chiropractic conventions all over the United States.

Authors Eight Books

He has authored eight books on his research and relative subjects, travelled over 75,000 miles and had more than 300 magazine articles published. He organized the International Chiropractic Biophysical Research Society in New York City in 1952, and was editor of its publication.

Dr. Wilson has received two plaques from the Research Society for outstanding services to the society. He also received a statuette trophy from the Utah Chiropractic Society at its annual convention held in Salt Lake City, May 20, 1967. Mrs. Wilson was presented with a piece of classic art. This function climaxed 50 years

(See WILSON, page 17)



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I-15 Stretch Gets Designation as Golden Spike Road

A section of Highway I-15, running north from North Ogden to the Idaho border, has been designated as "Golden Spike Highway" by proclamation of Gov. Calvin L. Rampton. The governor was given the go-ahead on the name by the Transportation Department as a result of a petition by Sen. Frank E. Moss, D-Utah, a member of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

The new "Golden Spike Highway" passes within 16 miles of the Golden Spike National Historical Site where the first transcontinental railroad was joined 100 years ago.

As it turned out, the timing was perfect, as Sen. Moss noted. "The new portion of the highway north of Ogden was opened Nov. 24."

Under the law, the Utah governor had the authority to name the highway by proclamation, it was pointed out by Transportation Secretary John Volpse.

"Some proposals had called for giving the name to the highway beginning in Davis County, or even throughout the state," Sen. Moss recalled.

Dr. Wilson

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of service to chiropractic by Dr. Wilson.

Large Family

Survivors: widow, sons, daughters, Jay M., Carmichael, Calif.; Mrs. Don (Mae) Stanton, Lake Tahoe, Calif.; Dr. George A., Jr., Mrs. Jay W. (Evelyn) Lloyd, Mrs. Robert J. (Louise) Johnson, all Salt Lake City; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, sisters, Wellington, California; Joel, Salt Lake City; Ellis, Centerville; Marion, Mexico; Amy Sant, Abigail Sant, Babs Deth, Gene Schwarr, all California; Kate Thorp, Seattle; Virginia Kirtman, Mesa, Ariz.; Eve Johnston, Twin Falls, Idaho; Ida Wilson, Essie Wilson, both Salt Lake City.

Funeral was held, Vacaville L.D.S. Ward. Burial was in Logan City Cemetery.

Once Again It Is Time To Enter Sons Of Pioneers Story Contest

A pleasing and beneficial feature of the Sons of Utah Pioneers activities is the annual story contest. Over the years this project has brought to light many eventful and exciting stories and biographies of pioneer history, thereby providing a means of having these creations preserved through *The Pioneer*.

Awards are presented for first, second and third places in two groups or divisions, as explained in the entry blank below. Each chapter president is urged to obtain entries from their members and send the application to the Pioneer Story Contest Committee, as listed herewith. Award winning stories not longer than 1500 words will be published:

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APPLICATION

Name of contestant.....

Address

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Source of Story.....

Send application to Gerald M. Waterfall—1540 Country Hills Drive, Ogden, Utah 844503, or:

James H. Miller—304 West 200 North, Brigham City, Utah 84302.

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The story must be a true story, or biography, of some pioneer, preferably a pioneer ancestor of the contestant and should not be more than 1500 words.

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JENSON'S WORLD - AROUND TRAVELS

Italy, Yugoslavia, India, Japan, Enthrall SUP Historian

By Harold H. Jenson
SUP Historian

The world-around tour has ended but the memory of this fabulous trip lingers on and always will. It is good to be home after traveling more than 30,000 miles on a freighter. The lesson derived from all this: Happiness is in your own backyard.

The journey was thrilling and enlightening, filled with many enchanting moments and sprinkled with some that were not so enchanting, such as a bout with Asian flu, which threatened to end, not only the trip, but 74 years of the traveler's life. It was an experience that taught the efficacy of prayer. Seattle looked mighty good to this weary traveler for there milady Martha and our great grandchildren were there with a warm welcome.

Last stories we filed for The Pioneer, were from Italy and Capri. In Rome we saw and heard heard Pope Paul, who is a fine old gentleman. The Vatican is highly commercialized. In Venice, one of the most picturesque cities in the world, we took a ferry to St. Mark's Square where pigeons live at their thickest and best and where the gondoliers still sing. The city is slowly sinking, say the geologists, and then all that exquisite art work will be moved elsewhere. Italians like Americans.

Yugoslavia Likes Amerisans

Next stop was Yugoslavia where at Hejeka and Koper we had a chance to observe the customs and occupations of the people. Tito deserves a lot of credit for bringing this country into prosperity—such as it is, for them. That U.S. money is what is doing the job. The Yugoslavic people are keen on Americans. They love Richard Nixon.

At Beirut, we hoped to meet our son Mark, who has been in Arabia for quite some time but he had been called away on business so we had to make the long trip (25 days) around Africa alone, stopping at Antioch, Turkey, where Paul and Barnabus took Mary Magdalene after



SUP Historian Harold H. Jenson is shown with his ship's third officer and wife, in front of the Acropolis in Athens, one of Mr. Jenson's stops on his recent world-around cruise on a freighter. The spot provides an exciting view of Athens and the classic and historic Greek Theater.

Christ's crucifixion. It was terribly hot on this road which Alexander the Great made famous. Only the donkeys and the natives in their "air-conditioned" robes can stand such heat for long. It was good to get back aboard ship.

Saw Gibraltar the historic British "rock" where donkeys still roam but no tourists are allowed. Spain wants Gibraltar back but isn't likely to get it. We went on to Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Arica. We passed up Capetown as there was no cargo to be picked up there. Incidentally, at Abidjan, we saw poverty at its worst, with "pot-bellied" children starving in dirty streets. Water is carried in via buckets. Blacks and whites run the government with equal authority.

Bombay Dirty Place

Then on to Bombay where Madame Gandhi is trying to erase the abject poverty of the masses. Bombay must be the filthiest city on earth. Thousands of beggars, even teen-age girls with babies in their arms, stand and beg. Here the priests now have the alternative of cutting their hair, or shaving their heads. Interesting sight here is the Hindu Temple. Visited also some Mohammedian and

Catholic cathedrals. Here the people bathe in the nearby lake, (sacred) paddling around in the nude.

In Ceylon, where Buddhi left his footprints on the mountain and gave up his wife and boy to devote his life to his fellowmen, is found a veritable Garden of Eden. The countryside depicts India at its best, in antithesis of the starvation in the back streets and alleys. The women here no longer go around naked to the waist but the men do. The women actually speak to visitors, something unheard of years ago.

Now on to Hong Kong. This historic city has grown from 200,000 in 1920, under communism, to several million under British rule. It has the finest harbor this traveler saw on his world-around trip. Here we met several soldiers on leave from Vietnam. All you could persuade them to say was, "It's a nasty job but we must get it done." They all wanted to know who won the world's series.

We took the ferry to Latter-day Saint Mission headquarters in Kowloon where we met Pres. Bruce Hardy and his charming wife. They have a beautiful home

See JENSON, next page

Stillman Place In East Mill Creek Falls To Progress

"The Old Stillman Place," historic landmark in East Mill Creek, suburban Salt Lake City, fell before the heavy iron ball of progress during mid-November, as the final stages were launched for construction of the new Valley Belt Route (I-215). The two-ton ball of concrete knocked over the two-story yellow residence and bulldozers level the debris into the basement or huge trucks hauled it away.

The house, pioneer home of one of Utah's outstanding pioneer families, was purchased as part of the Belt Route right-of-way and Gibbons & Reed used it as a work office until the highway was almost finished. Several inquiries were by persons interested in purchasing the nine-room house, but in view of the type of construction and its age, it was deemed not advisable to haul it away and place it on a new foundation.

The Stillmans, Neffs, Russells, Osguthorpes and Kellers, were among the pioneer settlers of picturesque East Mill Creek along in the late 1840's and early 1850's.

IT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER

Dec. 18, 1892—The first Nutcracker Ballet was performed and the critics tabbed it as "awful," but it is one of the world's greatest ballets.

Dec. 30, 1879 — "Pirates of Penzance" was first performed. At once it became one of the most popular of Gilbert & Sullivan's operettas.

Dec. 16, 1899—The first museum strictly for children was opened in Brooklyn. Seventy years later, children were urged to come to the museum and play with the exhibits. "Museum" originally meant "home of the muses."

Dec. 23, 1805—Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet, was born in Sharon, Windsor County, New York. He lived in Vermont only 10 years, moving with his family to Palmyra, Ontario (now Wayne) County in New York when he was 10.

JENSON'S WORLD-AROUND TRAVELS

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and office and are loved by all who are fortunate to meet them.

Meets Old Friend

At Kobe, Japan, we met our old pal Ed Ogazaka, mission president who with his wife, left a splendid position, to answer a mission call. His boys think the world of him and he is doing a tremendous work. We attended a party at the Ogazaka home—and of course, took off our shoes upon entering their charming place. Also visited Osaka where World Fair Expo 70 will be held. The mission folk are doing a tremendous job fixing up the Church's \$200,000 Exhibit Building, which will be one of the finest at the fair.

Hated to leave Tokyo, a most fascinating and exciting place but had to get back to Yokohama. We visited with L.D.S. Mission President Earl Bills, beloved of all Japanese members and his fine corps of missionaries.

Despite the difficulty in learning Japanese, and becoming accustomed to Japanese food, the Mormon missionaries are doing a wonderful work and are happy in the devotions.

We flew home on Northwest Airlines, arriving in Seattle before our telegram announcing when and where we would arrive; leaving Tokyo at 3:30 p.m. and arriving in Seattle 6:30 a.m. figure that one out.

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Above photo shows school from Weber County honoring Pioneer Village Pony Express Monument at recent Pony Express Centennial Meeting at the Village, at which President Waddell F. Smith,

Mr. James Stretesky, Colorado Director, and Horace A. Sorensen, Vice President, guided these and several other schools through the Village and especially the Pony Express Station and Museum.

THE PONY EXPRESS AND ITS STAGE LINES . . . contributed by President Waddell F. Smith, which article follows:—

Since about 1925 there has been a continuing effort upon the part of Wells Fargo Express proponents to try to build Wells Fargo's twentieth century image into the history of the Pony Express and also into stage line operations in California. Actually the express company had no connection with the Pony Express except to serve as local agent in Sacramento and San Francisco and then only for the last six months. And though they shipped express on the many stage lines in California, they operated none.

Private Venture

The Pony Express, which was a private venture founded, owned and operated by the well known overland freighting firm of Russell, Majors and Waddell, ran between St. Joseph, Missouri and Sacramento, California. To separate their Pony Express and stage line operations from their basic overland freighting business they formed a corporation, The Central, Overland, California and Pikes Peak Express Company, in early 1860 under a newly granted Kansas Territorial Charter. In addition to the Pony Express the Russell, Majors and Waddell company operated a daily stage from Atchison, Kansas on the Missouri River to Denver and Salt Lake City and a semi-monthly stage line on to Sacramento. These stages all carried U. S. Mail under postal contract.

Holladay Takes Over

On March 7, 1862, nearly five months after the close of the Pony Express, Ben Holladay took over the Russell, Majors and Waddell company, changed its name to The Overland Stage Line, still operating

under its original Kansas Territorial Charter, and continued to operate the stage lines. Holladay soon became known as the Stage Coach King.

Wells Fargo & Co., being an express company and having no stage lines of their own, shipped express over the existing stage lines in California and used the Overland Mail Company as far east as Salt Lake City. Ben Holladay and his Overland Stage Line would not, however, cooperate in carrying Wells Fargo's express east of Salt Lake City. Wells Fargo Express and two other express companies faced a serious dilemma which only Ben Holladay was clever enough to create. And he was determined to take advantage of it before he broke it.

Demise of Stage Lines

In early 1866 Holladay saw that the then building Central Pacific Railroad, east from Sacramento, and the Union Pacific, west from Omaha, presaged the demise of overland stage line operations. Others felt that their union was a long way off. With the concealed cunning of a fox he maneuvered three stage lines and three express companies into a giant consolidation. To do this he formed a new three million dollar corporation under a Colorado Territorial Charter granted to him on April 5, 1866. The new company was known as The Holladay Overland Mail and Express Company.

Increases Capital Stock

Using this new corporation as a vehicle he increased the capital stock to ten million dollars and with the proceeds he bought the Pioneer Stage Line, Placerville to Carson City, and The Overland Mail Company, Carson City to Salt Lake City. And into this combine he sold his Kansas Chartered Overland Stage Line. In addition, his new company absorbed the old Wells Fargo Express. Its shareholders were paid off

and the company went out of business. Simultaneously, he took over the U. S. Express Company and finally the express operations of the American Express Company west of the Mississippi River. The consolidation was completed November 1, 1866 in Salt Lake City and as compensation for his The Overland Stage Company he took a million and a half in cash and three hundred thousand dollars worth of stock in the new Colorado Chartered corporation. Within five weeks he sold his stock, that marking his successful abdication, with a smile on his face and his pockets jingling.

Greatest Stage Line Operator

From March 7, 1862 until November 1, 1866, he was the greatest individual stage line operator in America, only having been exceeded by Jim Burch and the California Stage Company from 1854 to 1858 and Butterfield and his Overland Mail Company from 1858 to 1861.

About six weeks after the consolidation the stockholders approved a change of name of the Ben Holladay company to a new Wells Fargo and Company, though the change of name was not approved by the State of Colorado until 1872. The new Wells Fargo and Company has remained a Colorado corporation to this day.

Vision, Judgment Clearer

Holladay's vision and judgment had been clearer than that of the Wall Street "westerners" and equally as cunning. He was in the west where he could all but see the steam of the locomotive and hear its whistle over the horizon and sense its speed of approach. Within a year and a half the directors of the new Wells Fargo and Company were ready to take the Pacific Railroad seriously. On May 16, 1868 the board of directors "authorized and directed the president to sell all of the company's stage lines."

A year later, on May 10, 1869, the steel bands of the transcontinental railroad were bonded together with a gold spike and overland stage operation was at an end. The new Wells Fargo Express had found itself in a position that was a disaster and this only saved by eventually getting the express rights on the railroad from California to Utah. Its brief stage line operation, not a mile of which was in California, had been all but a lethal ingestion. The company did eventually recover and continued on to become one of the great express companies of America, handling express on the railroads.

Holladay Buys Wells Fargo

In the last fifty years at least fifty writers, including some of the most highly accepted historians, in writing of the stage line and express business just prior to the completion of the transcontinental railroad, have reported that on November 1, 1866 Wells Fargo bought out Ben Holladay by paying him a million and a half in cash and three hundred thousand dollars in stock. Actually, Ben Holladay bought Wells Fargo & Co. and merged it into his own corporation. Once the inversion of the truth was written, other writers accepted and repeated. This phase of western transportation and express history is over ready for revision.

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